STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2004-148

March 24, 2004

MAINE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY Request for Approval of a Special Rate Contract with J. Paul Levesque & Sons, Inc. ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT

WELCH, Chairman; DIA MOND and REISHUS, Commissioners

## SUMMARY OF DECISION

By this Order, the Commission approves Maine Public Service Company's (MPS's) proposed Special Rate Contract (contract) with J. Paul Levesque & Sons, Inc. (J. Paul).

## **DISCUSSION AND DECISION**

On March 1, 2004, MPS filed with this Commission a proposed Special Rate contract with J. Paul. This contract expires on December 31, 2006, concurrent with the end of the period for which stranded costs have been set. Because this contract does not extend into the next stranded cost period, approving it will not directly affect other ratepayers. Moreover, because the amount of money associated with the discount is not large, there is no significant risk that it will indirectly affect MPS's other customers. Therefore, we will allow the contract to go into effect.

Accordingly, we

## ORDER

That the contract with J. Paul Levesque & Sons, Inc., filed by Maine Public Service Company on March 1, 2004, is hereby approved and may become effective as of April 1, 2004, as requested by MPS.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch

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